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Mr. George V. Lauder
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Dear Mr. Lauder:

Thank you for your letter of October 25.

I guess you are right, perceptions of the Times' article on death squad activities differ.

I am sorry that you continue to feel that we have not treated the agency family. Please believe me it is not unusual for articles to arrive too late for publication in the first edition. There is nothing sinister about it.

In the future please feel free to contact me if you have any other questions or complaints about our coverage.

Sincerely,



John Darnton
Deputy Foreign Editor

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